

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed this Application in light of the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed May 29, 2008. Claims 37-76 are pending in this Application. Claims 37-76 are subject to the election or restriction requirement.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group II, Claims 56-74, and 76 with traverse. Claims 37-55, and 75 are hereby withdrawn from consideration without prejudice or disclaimer and are subject to the filing of a divisional application thereon.

Applicant traverses the Examiner restriction requirement as follows: The present application is directed to a coding scheme of digital data. As generally known in the art of coding, a digital encoder is used to digitally encrypt data whereas a decoder is used to decode the encoded data. thus, the functionality of a decoder is generally a reverse function. Thus, instead of the term "transmitting" as claimed in independent claim 37 in connection with the encoding method, the decoding method uses the term "receiving." However, the present invention is not distinguished through which way data is transmitted or received. Most importantly, the Examiner will have no problem in searching for prior art. Typically, the concept of encoding of any encryption or coding method is not described in a document without also describing the decoding of such information. The functionalities of encoding and decoding are thus very closely related. A closer look at the independent claims 37 and 56 for example reveals that the limitations, even though executed in different order, are very similar for the encoder and decoder. The Examiner should therefore have no problem in identifying a single general inventive concept. In fact, the Examiner failed to explain why the encoding scheme does not have the same inventive concept.

Applicant further performed a quick search in the USPTO data base for patent issued by the USPTO in which the terms "encoding" and "decoding" were used in the claims. This search returned over 10,000 hits. A plurality of these hits showed patents with the exact same structure as the present application, i.e. distinct claims directed to encoders and to decoders in the same patent.

Hence, Applicant requests hereby that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

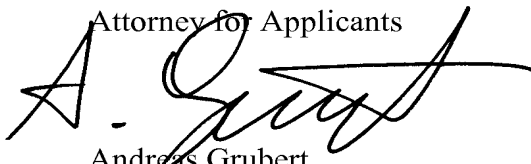
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the amount of \$120.00 to Deposit Account 50-2148 in order to effectuate this filing.

Applicants believe no additional fees are due at this time, however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required to effectuate this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney, Andreas Grubert, at 512.322.2545.

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